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## SAYS OREGONIAN IS VERY WEAK

LOCAL WRITER TAKES ISSUE WITH THE GAZETTE-TIMES

### HISTORY OF STATE PAPER

"A Psychological Study" from Pen of "E. M." An Interesting Recital of that Writer's Argument Why Oregonian's Editorial Page is Weak

Editor GAZETTE-TIMES:—This is a strange world! Not only are we all, except the preachers, totally ignorant of its origin and of its destiny, but not one in ten thousand of us care, or ever think about the matter. It is also strange that we should be at this moment, after 1900 years of Christian civilization so very busy in the making of armaments for each other's destruction, as well as in using all means, fair or foul, for the piling up of vast hoards of wealth, most of which is not only absolutely useless to us, but actually lessens our pleasure and hastens our end. But strangest of all is the working of the inner recesses of our minds especially as to the conceit of one person of the perfection of his own mentality and the absolute assurance of other persons that the mental products of the first person are all rot.

For instance, in your editorial of last Monday you say that one reason why the Oregonian is so widely read is "its strong editorial page." Now perhaps it will be of psychological interest to yourself and your readers to know that the present writer is so strongly perverse and abnormal in his cerebral functions that he actually thinks the editorial page of the Oregonian is not only weak, or at best only forcibly feeble, but even immoral and hardly fit for an honest man to read; that it quite frequently goes off at a tangent to the fact, and even in ellipses and para-

bolas regarding the public welfare, so that it often flies in diametrically opposite directions in the course of a few years, or weeks, or even in the same issue: that it teaches that the people are wholly unfit to govern themselves either by initiative or referendum and it even more loudly proclaims that they are incapable of properly selecting their own representatives and that these should be selected by the peoples worst enemies, the professional politicians and the agents of the corporations and trust deliberately gathered into an "assembly" for that purpose: that what it has more than once emphatically denounced as "treason and dishonor" it has subsequently recommended as a patriotic duty, the violation of a representative's solemn pledge which made his election possible; and that if you think these and many other characteristics "strong," it surely must be much in the same sense that the term is applied to butter—moral rancidity!

Now isn't it truly wonderful that any mortal man (and the writer knows of one or two others similarly afflicted) should have such perfectly unaccountable mental aberrations?

Of course the real and normal apperception is that the Oregonian is the paragon of virtue and morality; and of course, almost without exception, our statesmen, bankers, merchants and even our professors and preachers (at which latter especially as our teachers of ethics, the writer has often irreverently wondered) so adopt it; the most pleasing daily perusal and edification of which must consequently be sure of their chief comforts and solaces. How then can these wonderful hallucinations on the part of the present writer be accounted for? He used to go to Sunday schools just like the normal kid and has never had any political bee buzzing in his cranium. Do you really imagine that, since politics is out of the question, there can be any danger of the case developing into simple logomachy or else into the far more serious case of dollaritis?

I would not dare to write this during a political campaign; and even now I have a creeping idea that it might be a good thing if you would kindly endeavor to create the impression, however paradoxical it may seem, that it is not ME that is E. M.

## THINKS THE G.T. SLURRED PROHIB

TAKES EXCEPTION TO AN ITEM PUBLISHED RECENTLY

### INFERS INSULT TO MR. CATE

Philomath Writer Says Paper Should Name Politics of Miscreants Who Happen to be Something Other than Prohibitionists.

Philomath, Ore., Nov. 29, '09. Editor GAZETTE-TIMES:

In regard to the item in your last issue referring to the milk stolen from the back porch of a Baptist gentleman, allow me to say, through the columns of your paper, that it seems to me quite an ill will that would attempt a slur upon a prohibitionist and also the Christian gentleman mentioned in that communication.

You manfully (?) asserted that a prohibitionist did the deed. If you know that to be true, then I ask you, the next time you report an offense committed by a Republican or a Democrat, to mention his politics.

I believe I voice the sentiment of two-thirds of the leading citizens of Benton county when I assume the position that without the Christian and prohibition influence of that county your prosperity and that of your city would fall far below the standard of today, since the business men have almost unanimously acknowledged that the voting out of the saloons have materially increased their business.

M. J. BRADFORD.

When the weather is bad and there's nothing doing in a business way, there is very little doing in a local news way, so the public can not reasonably expect much.

## GLIMPSES OF BJORNSTJERNE'S LIFE

Famous Norwegian Novelist, Poet and Patriot.

### AMUSING INCIDENT IN HIS HOME

How a Young Student and the Novelist's Wife Figured in One of His Favorite Ideas—Greatest Pleasure That His Poetry Ever Gave Him.

Of Bjornstjerne Bjornson, the aged Norwegian novelist, dramatist, poet and patriot, who was born at Kvikne, Osterdalen, Norway, on Dec. 8, 1832, and who was recently stricken with an attack of arterio sclerosis, an interesting anecdote is related by Kristoffer Jansen, the minister-poet, who spent a number of years in the United States.

In the first article he ever published Bjornson announced his firm belief that a new generation of poets would soon arise in Norway. It was one of his favorite ideas, and he reverted to it time and again. One who heard more of it perhaps than anybody else was Miss Karoline Reimers, who in 1858 became Mrs. Bjornson. Shortly after



BJORNSTJERNE BJORNSON.

their wedding Bjornson promised his wife jestingly that he would keep her in pocket money by paying her \$1 for each new imaginative work by a native writer that took his fancy.

"They will be coming! They will be coming!" he cried triumphantly. "I'll have to work hard to keep my promise."

But they did not come. Months passed, and if Mrs. Bjornson received any pocket money it was not owing to the merit of any native poet or novelist. Bjornson himself was then best known through "Synnove Solbakken," which he had published not long before.

Visit From a Young Poet. Charmed by this beautiful piece of

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## PRESS COMMENTS ARE GLOWING

NORTHERN PAPERS BOOST ROYALLY FOR DODO.

### BIG SHOW IS A HUMMER

All Agree that the Music is Superfine, Principals Excellent, Chorus Large and Good Looking, Stage Pictures and Drills Superb.

WINNIPEG MAN., Oct. 15.—

"Mr. John Cort, in his revival of that merry and tuneful comic opera, 'King Dodo,' has got the majority of modern so-called musical plays, comedies, fantasies, and farces, etc., who visit the city from time to time, beaten to a frazzle in well nigh every department connected with stage production."—*"Tribune."*

SPOKANE, WASH., Nov. 5.—"King Dodo" is just as well worth seeing as ever, and in some way there is a big improvement over former companies. It's worth seeing to see the pretty girls; it's worth seeing to hear the good voices, and it's worth seeing to look at the beautiful costume effects—yes, you will have an evening of genuine pleasure with "King Dodo."—*"Press."*

TACOMA, WASH., Nov. 11.—"King Dodo" as bright and lively as ever, carried the Tacoma theatre audience last night by storm.—*"Times."*

It is a snappy show. A large audience greeted "King Dodo" and he kept them chuckling all the time. Singers of real charm, together with elaborate costumes, and many of them.—*"Daily News."*

"King Dodo" is one of the most elaborately costumed musical plays seen here this season—as lively as ever—there are a

greater number of good voices in the company than in the usual comedy or comic opera.—*"Ledger."*

SEATTLE, WASH., Nov. 15.—"As soon as the action had gotten fairly under way the ice melted into rivers of mirth, jollity and applause;—very few more finished presentations of comic opera have ever been seen in Seattle."—*"Star."*

Georgious revival of old "King Dodo,"—the company is one of excellent balance. The piece bristles with the familiar song hits and everything was encored.—*"Post-Intelligencer."*

## OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Winter Courses, January 4th to February 18th, 1910.

Practical work, lectures and demonstrations will be given in such vital subjects as general farming, fruit culture, animal husbandry, dairying, poultry keeping, the business side of farming, forestry, carpentry, blacksmithing, mechanical drawing, cooking, sewing, dressmaking, home management, etc.

All regular courses begin January 4th and end February 11th. Farmers' week, February 14th to 18th.

A cordial invitation is extended to all interested.

Good accommodations may be secured at reasonable rates. No age limit above 16 years. No entrance requirements. Prominent lecturers have been secured for special topics. The instructional force of the College numbers 100. Excellent equipment.

A special feature is the farmers' week which comes this year Feb. 14th to 18th. Lectures, discussions and a general reunion.

For further information address Registrar, Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Oregon.

## Palace Theater TO-NIGHT

James Keane & Co.

in "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde"

In Three Scenes

Five motion picture films will make up an interesting program.

"The Warrior's Sacrifice"

A pathetically fascinating story of how the absence of her warrior sweetheart and false news of his death caused a lovely maiden to wed a rich young nobleman. The soldier returns, learns of his sad loss and dies as a soldier should—fighting for his country. This feature film will move every audience and arouse intense emotion.

"Duel in Mid-air"

"Bill, the Bill Poster"

"The Major and the Judge"

"Haps and Mishaps"

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## MONROE MOTIONS

MONROE, Dec. 1. —Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rickard, a son.

Lloyd and Clayborn Bonney, of Eugene, are visiting in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Cartwright have decided not to take their trip until later.

C. Starr was a Corvallis visitor Tuesday.

J. O. Whitaker was a Corvallis visitor Sunday.

School at District No. 21 was closed for several days on account of the high water.

C. H. Merritt

Will be cleaning feathers and mattresses for a short time only.

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## Pure Food Department

Monopole package Mincemeat, fresh package Figs, Candied Citron, Lemon and Orange Peel

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## THURSDAY is Housekeepers' Bargain Day at KLINE'S

Ladies' \$1.25 Wrappers, 98c	\$1.25, 1.50 Ladies' Waists, 98c	12 1/2c Bleached Muslin, 9 1/2c	12 1/2c Dress Gingham, 9 1/2c	5c Toweling 3 1/2	18 yards Calico, \$1.00
Ladies' percale and flannelette wrappers, dark colors, sell regular for \$1.25. Housekeepers' Day, 98c.	Flannelette waists, beautiful dark colors, all sizes and sell regular for \$1.25 and \$1.50. Housekeepers' Day, 98c.	Nice fine bleached muslin, good heavy quality, sells regular for 12 1-2c. Housekeepers' Day 9 1-2c	Beautiful dainty striped and checked dress gingham, blue and white and pink and white, regular 12 1-2c, H's Day, 9 1-2c	Unbleached cotton crash toweling, good width, sells regular at 5c yard. Thursday, Housekeepers' Day, 3 1-2c.	Best American Indigo Blue and all colors calico, sells regular at 6 1-4c yd, Housekeepers' Day, 18 yds for \$1.00.
\$1.25, 1.50 Ladies' and Children's Sweaters, 89c	18 yards Outing Flannel, \$1.00	90c Bath Mats, 69c	\$2.50 SHOES, 89 cents	Pillow Tops, 23 cents	\$1.25 Boys' Sweaters, 95c
Ladies' and Children's Sweater Vests, white, red and black. These sweaters sell regular for \$1.25 and \$1.50. Housekeepers' Day, 89c.	Outing flannel, good heavy weight, both dark and light patterns. Thursday, Housekeepers' Day, 18 yards for \$1.00.	Turkish Bath Mats, good large size, in blue and white. These sell regular for 90c. Housekeepers' Day, 69c.	Women's and Children's odd lot of shoes, worth up to \$2.50. To close out Housekeepers' Day at 89c.	Beautiful Pillow Tops and backs, with 4 skeins of floss, enough to work it with. Housekeepers' Day, 23c.	Boys' Oxford Gray Sweater Coats, good heavy weight and sell regular for \$1.25, Housekeepers' Day, 95c.
50c Boys' Shirts, 40c	50c Ladies' Underwear, 29c	25c Ladies' Hose, 18c	UMBRELLAS, 98 cents	APRONS, 25c and 35c	25c Mixed Nuts, 19c
Boys' Dress Shirts to wear white collars with. Come in good patterns, all sizes. Sell regular for 50c. Housekeepers' Day, 40c.	Ladies' heavy fleeced underwear. Vests only. Sizes 4, 5, 6. These sold for 50c. Housekeepers' Day, special 29c.	Ladies' Fast Black Hose, plain and ribbed tops, sell regular for 25c. Housekeepers' Day, 18c per pair.	Ladies' and Men's Umbrellas, regular size with plain, neat handles; special bargain Housekeepers' Day, 98c.	Dainty white sewing aprons made of plain and crossbar material. Housekeepers' Day, 25c and 35c.	Mixed nuts of almonds, filberts, walnuts, pecans, Brazil nuts. Sell regular at 25c. Housekeepers' Day, 19c lb.

## NEW HOLIDAY GOODS EVERY DAY